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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 70

Public Meeting on Part 70 Rulemaking Activities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Proposed rule; meeting.

SUMMARY: NRC will host a public meeting in Rockville, Maryland, on January 13–14, 1999, to discuss the NRC staff's proposed revisions related to nuclear criticality safety as presented in SECY–98–185, "Proposed Rulemaking—Revised Requirements for the Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material," dated July 30, 1998.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the industry's concerns with the nuclear criticality safety requirements contained in SECY–98–185 and the guidance in the associated draft SRP, and the industry's proposed changes.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for January 13–14, 1999, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, in One White Flint North, room 6B–11. The meeting is open to the public. Anyone with administrative questions concerning this meeting should contact Ann Lundy at (301) 415–7218.

ADDRESSES: One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Visitor parking around the NRC building is limited; however, the meeting site is located adjacent to the White Flint Metro Station on the Metro Red Line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Persinko, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone: (301) 415–6522, e-mail: axp1@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At a public meeting held on December 3–4, 1998, to discuss SECY–098–185, "10 CFR Part 70 Revised Requirements for the Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material," the Nuclear Energy

Institute (NEI) expressed concerns related both to the nuclear criticality safety requirements contained in the draft rule and to the implementation guidance contained in the associated draft standard review plan (SRP). Given the technical nature and extent of NEI's criticality comments, NRC concluded that the comments could be more thoroughly addressed at a separate meeting in January, which focused solely on nuclear criticality safety as it relates to the draft rule and SRP. By letter dated December 17, 1998, NEI provided preliminary comments on the NRC staff's draft nuclear criticality safety regulations and SRP chapter attached to SECY–098–185. These written comments will be discussed at the meeting.

This document and other background information can be found at NRC's Part 70 website: http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/library?source=*%26library=dom%20lic%20lib&file=* or alternatively through NRC's home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>) under rulemaking. On the NRC home page, scroll down to and click on *Rulemaking* near the bottom of the screen. The Technical Conference Forum home page can then be accessed by clicking on *Technical Conferences*. Again click on *Technical Conferences*. Scroll down to and click on *Revised Requirements for the Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material (Part 70)*. To view the library of on-line documents, click on *dom lic Library* and then click on *NRC TECH CONF Text and Other Documents*. Documents may also be viewed at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555; telephone 202–634–3273; fax 202–634–3343.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 4th day of January, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 72

RIN 3150–AG 17

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Addition

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its regulations to add the Holtec International Hi-Star 100 cask system (Hi-Star) to the List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks. This amendment will allow the holders of power reactor operating licenses to store spent fuel in the Hi-Star cask system under a general license.

DATES: The comment period expires March 29, 1999. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, Attn: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff. Hand deliver comments to 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, between 7:45 am and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking Web site through the NRC's home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format) if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking site, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415–5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov.

Certain documents related to this rulemaking, including comments received by the NRC, may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC. These documents also may be viewed and downloaded electronically via the interactive rulemaking website established by NRC for this rulemaking.

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